

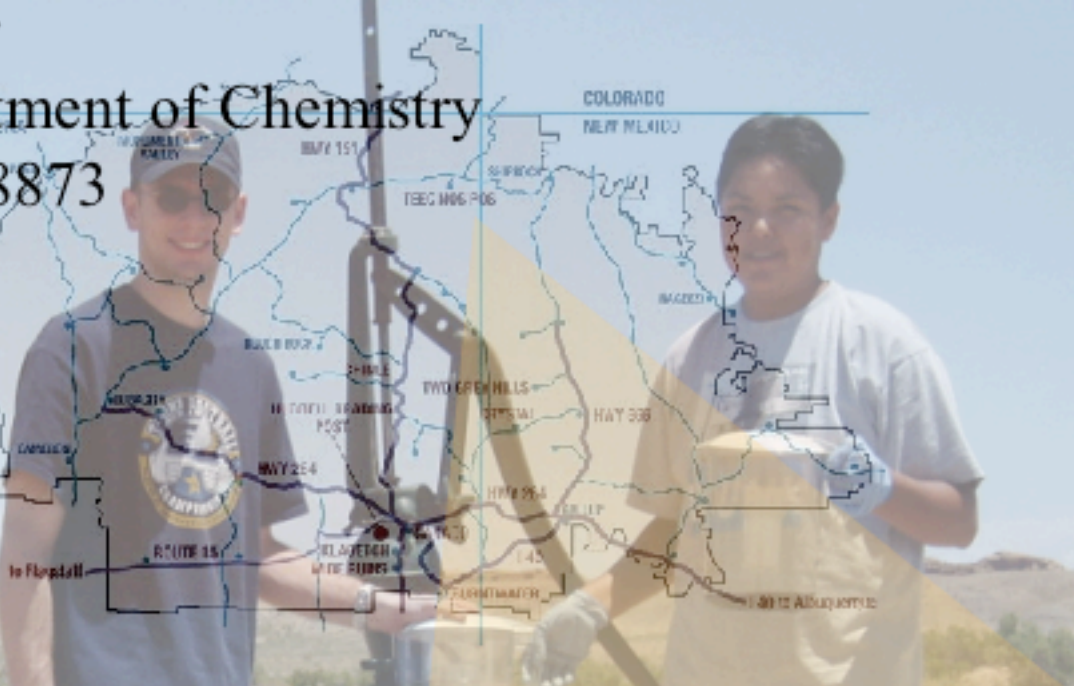
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NU scientists and Los Alamos National Laboratory Navajo physicist Dr. Fred Begay have started a broader impact program focusing on artesian well water quality on the Navajo Reservation. Using EPA data from the 2000 Abandoned Uranium Mines Project, 2003 REST teacher-intern Scot Ankeney built a web page for water well quality assessment at www.chem.northwestern.edu/~geigerf/nav/index.html.

Our web page is widely accessible through the extensive Navajo Nation chapterhouse and library networks. It benefits the Navajo population as the original EPA data was not widely distributed to the local area residents. In 2004, NU freshman environmental scientist Joseph Hoover and Shiprock High senior student Christell Begay carried out a field campaign in the Red Valley Chapter and tested commercial water filters at eight popular water wells. A marketing campaign that promotes pitcher filter use on the reservation in return for free pitcher filter distribution is currently being developed with the NU business school.



Click on the name of the contaminant for more information about possible health risks associated with that contaminant

- No significant health risk
- possible health risk
- high health risk

Metal Contaminants			
Danger	Name	Amount	Safe Level
●	Aluminum	7210	1000
●	Arsenic	4.8	50
●	Barium	245	1000
●	Calcium	0	5
●	Chromium	5.3	100
●	Iron	4750	300
●	Lead	67.8	15
●	Mercury	0.052	2
●	Selenium	0	50
●	Thallium	0	2

all numbers are in micrograms per liter

Radioactive Contaminants			
Danger	Name	Amount	Safe Level
●	Lead-210	2.74	0.047
●	Radium-226	0.058	5
●	Radium-228	0.560	5
●	Thorium-228	0.124	0.21
●	Thorium-230	0.088	1.3
●	Thorium-232	0.087	1.5
●	Uranium-234	2.04	20
●	Uranium-235	0	20
●	Uranium-238	0.89	20
●	Alpha particles	2.35	15
●	Beta particles	3.83	50